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Patricia Kurkul  
Regional Administrator  
Northeast Regional Office  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Re: Final Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Northeast Skate Complex and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) (CEQ# 20100007)

Dear Administrator Kurkul:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Final Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Northeast Skate Complex. Based on our review of the FEIS and responses provided to our comments on the DEIS we continue to have no objections to the project as described.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Elizabeth A. Higgins", is positioned above the typed name.

Elizabeth A. Higgins, Director  
Office of Environmental Review